THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) As per the last comprehensive survey on employment & unemployment conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1987-88 the total number of unemployed by weekly status was 12.18 lakhs and 2.93 lakhs in the State of U.P. and Punjab respectively. A person is considered to be unemployed by weekly status if, though available for work, he did not get work even for one hour during the reference week. The registration in the Employment Exchanges shows that the total number of persons, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, in the live register of the employment exchanges as on December, 1992 was 25.35 lakhs and 7.22 lakhs in the State of U.P. and Punjab respectively. According to a survey carried out in 1988 among those in the live register of the employment exchanges about 61.04 percent and 52.61 percent were found to be unemployed as per weekly status in the State of U.P. and Punjab respectively.

Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The plan emphasis the need for a high rate of economic growth, combined with faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas which have relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically and cropwise diversified agricultural growth, development of wastelands and forestry, development of rural non-farm sector and rural infrastructure, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing and expansion of housing, are the basic elements of the employment-oriented growth strategy envisaged in the plan.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE EMBLEMS AND (PREVENTION OF IMPROPER USE) ACT, 1950

*429. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of prosecution under the Emblems and Names (Preventon of Improper Use) Act, 1950 for its violation during the last three years;

(b) the names of the authorities which look after the implementation of this Act; and

(c) the details of the persons actually punished under this Act during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (c) No cases for prosecution or details of persons actually punished under the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950, for its violation have been reported to the Central Government during last three years. Under the Act, any person who contravenes the provisions of section 3 of the Act, shall be punishable with fine which my extend to five hundred rupees.

(b) The Central Government, in exercise of the power conferred by section 9 of the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950, makes rules to carry out the purposes of this Act. In the States, the Act is being administered by the designated Competent Authorities like the Registrar of Societies/ Companies/Firms etc. However, certain cases requiring clarification in respect of the provisions of the Act are referred by the State Governments to the Central Government, Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution for examination.

OFFER MADE BY GERMANY ON STATE-OF-ART MINING TECHNOLOGY

*430. SMT. KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any response to the offer made by Germany on State-of-art mining technology to India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) German mining technologies for which offers have been received and agreements signed in the recent past are as under :

(i) In-pit-crusher conveyor technology at Ramagundam Opencast Project of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.

(ii) Introduction of appropriate technology for caving with powered supports at Chinakuri Underground mine of Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(iii) Introduction of technology for dry beneficiation of Coal at Bina Deshaling Plant of Northern Coalfields Ltd.

LOADERS UNDER FCI CARRYING LOADS OVER THE PRESCRIBED ILO STANDARD

*431. SHRI RAMANARAYAN GOSWAMI :
DR. R. K. PODDAR :

Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several labour committees took up the matter with Food Corporation of India to compel its loaders to carry loads over and above the standard prescribed by ILO;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of the FCI management in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation adopted Convention No. 127 concerning 'Maximum Weight' in June, 1967. The Convention has not been ratified by India. The Convention lays down the general principles for regulation of manual transport of loads in all branches of economic activity for which a system of labour inspection is maintained. The Supplementary Recommendation No. 128 provides that where the maximum permissible weight that may be transported manually by one adult male worker is more than 55 kgs. measures should be taken as speedily as possible to reduce it to that level.

The National Tripartite Committee on Conventions has been reviewing the Convention from time to time to explore the possibility of ratifying it. The consensus at the meeting of the Committee was to fix 50 kg as the maximum permissible weight to be carried by one worker. To begin with it was proposed to make a beginning by introducing 50 kg. packing in FCI in a phased manner.

(c) The FCI is engaged in working out the technical and economic implications of the switch-over.

SURVEY ON SC/ST LABOURERS IN URBAN AREAS

*432. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Labour Bureau has conducted any survey on the living and working conditions of labour belonging to SC/ST Communities in urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, what is the number of such surveys conducted during the last three years till date and the number of reports released; and

(c) what are the names of the urban areas which were covered by the survey ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last three years, surveys on the socio-economic conditions of the Scheduled Tribes labour were conducted at two urban centres viz. Bailadila and Nagpur. During this period three reports pertaining to Surat, Ranchi and Bailadila centres in respect of ST labour were released by the Labour Bureau.